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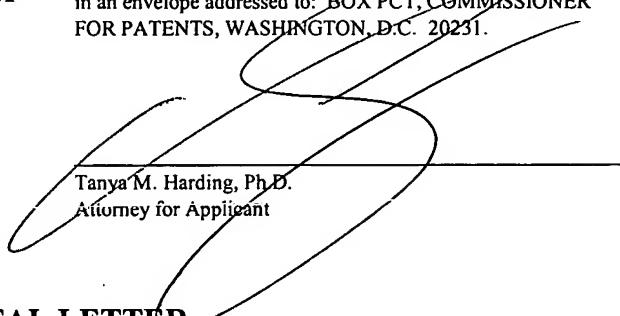
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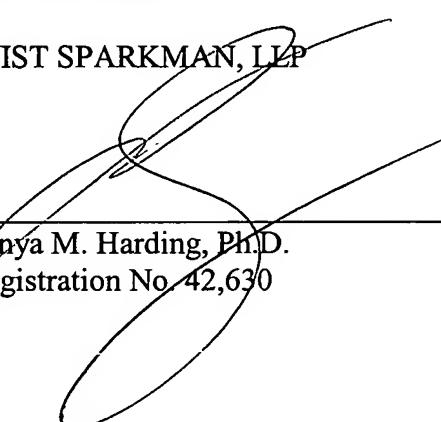
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- A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.

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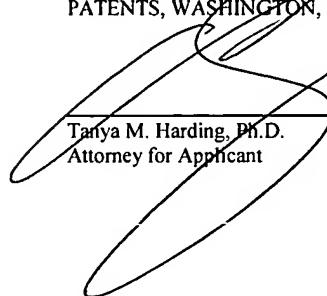
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (reiterated) A method of detecting the presence of *Treponema pallidum* or anti-*Treponema pallidum* antibodies in a biological sample, comprising:
contacting an acidic repeat protein or one or more isolated, immunogenic *Treponema pallidum* peptide of the acidic repeat protein with an antibody-containing biological sample; and
detecting formation of a complex between the immunogenic protein or peptide and the antibody, wherein the presence of the complex indicates the presence of *Treponema pallidum*.

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